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UNPLEASANT PLIGHT OF THE "ADVANCE AGENT OF PROSPERITY."



REVISION NEEDED.

WILKINS.—Such idioms as "Between the devil and the deep sea," though very expressive, are not exactly up-to-date.

SIMPSON.—They're not? Well, how would you improve on the one you quoted, for instance?

WILKINS.—Well, I think a more modern plan would be to say "Between the trolley car and the scorcher."

IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

THE GRAND VIZIER.—But they say our reforms are not real.

THE SULTAN.—Well, well! Has n't the craze for realism died out yet?

ROUNDLY SCORED — The Whitewashed Base-Ball Team.

MCKINLEY EXPECTS every Englishman to pay his duty.



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A PLEASING PROSPECT.

UNCLE EBEN.—Sakes alive! Six moah little chicks! Wal, now, 'pears like dere wuz quite a fambly growin' up ter help sup-poh't de ole man!

WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.

WHEN YOU listen to her singing,
You have n't any choice
But to think she must be sawing
The timbre of her voice.

IN WASHINGTON.

FIRST OFFICE-SEEKER.—I wish I could get a position with a retroactive salary.

SECOND OFFICE-SEEKER.—What's that?

FIRST OFFICE-SEEKER.—A salary dating back to the time when I began to look for the job.

IN COLORADO.

VISITOR.—I suppose your local paper is against the Administration?

RESIDENT.—Yes, indeed! On the fourth of April, the editorial page opened with the sentence: "Only forty-seven months more of McKinley!"

THE SULTAN has his own troubles, but it does not seem likely, just now, that he will ever have occasion to beware of the gifts of the Greeks.



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A BAD EXAMPLE.

PAPA.—I don't know if dot's a good blace vere lkey works.

MAMA.—Vy not? Dey raisedt his vages as soon as he asked dem.

PAPA.—Dot's choost it. Vot kind of peezness men must dey be, anyhow?





AN OBJECTIONABLE JUROR.

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"YORE HONOR," said a prominent Arkansaw gentleman, who had been summarily jerked up before the Bar of Justice, then sitting in the court-house at Turkey Trot, to answer to the charge of embezzling certain swine; "if I've got any voice in these yere purredin's—an' I reckon I ort to have, bein' what might be called one uv the interested parties—I want to object to old man Sockery's settin' on this jury."

The objectionable juror was a weatherbeaten and mossgrown relic, appropriately clad in a complement of befrizzled neck whiskers and a look of chronic pessimism.

"What fault have you to find with Mr. Sockery?" inquired the court.

"He's too blamed much uv a narcotic to suit me, yore Honor," was the confident reply.

"A narcotic? What do you mean by that?"

"Why, one uv of them fellers that wants everything to be different from what it is; a chronic anti, as it were. He's in opposition to the established order uv things; believes that everything that exists ort n't to, an' all things that don't exist ort to."

"Ah, yes! I see what you mean. But you can not challenge his fitness for jury duty simply because of his political affiliations."

"Aw! I hain't makin' no objection to his bein' a Populist, yore Honor—it takes all kinds uv people to make a world, also a jury. But, tell yo' what 's a fact, Jedge, I don't feel safe with him settin' thar to try me. He's too danged much anti, as I said befo'. He is ag'in' everything. His time to sing is everybody else's time to dance. I've heard tell that he controverts the entire plan uv creation, wears his pantyloons hind-side befo' about half uv the time simply burcuz it is customary to wear 'em the other way, an' kicks burcuz the Fouth uv July don't come on Christmas. He—"

"But—"

"I don't know much about that, myself, but jest lemme tell yo' what I do know, Jedge. I went to his place once an' found about a dozen uv his hens cluckin' around with contrivances, suthin' like crutches, bound to their legs in sech a way that they could n't set down, an' the same number uv dignified old roosters settin' on the nests that the hens ort to have been occupyin'. He had bored a couple uv holes through the bottom uv each nest, an' when he wanted a rooster to set he poked the critter's legs through the holes an' tied 'em together below, which quite nacherly compelled the mizzable fowl to set, whether or no. It would have been right funny if it had n't been so kinder pathetic. The look uv disgust an' helpless wrath on the countenances uv them poor roosters was suthin' to make yo' feel sorry for 'em."

"But, what—"

"Oh! he said that he'd got tired uv seein' the roosters struttin' around like a gang uv purse-proud plutocrats, an' was determined to show 'em that they was n't any too alfred good to work for their livin'. Now, it's jest this-a-way, Jedge: I'd like to have the trial finished some time this year, but if that thar man stays on the jury it won't be. If the rest uv 'em should be for convictin' me—which they won't be, as I hain't guilty—he'll stick for acquittal; an' if they're for turnin' me loose he'll be for conviction. An' thar he'll stick till he starves, jest in order to be on the contrary side. So, yore Honor, I ask yo' to put him off from the jury in the interests uv harmony an' humanity!"

It is to be recorded that, at the conclusion of this plea, Mr. Sockery was promptly excused from serving.

Tom P. Morgan.

PERPETUAL MOTION.

The love that makes *my* world go round,
Where'er it be, 'mid tears or laughter,
In joy or sorrow, — I have found
Forever keeps *me* tagging after!

A TYPE.

He oft tells a funny story,
Full of what he thinks is wit;
But the story's never funny, —
That's the funny part of it.

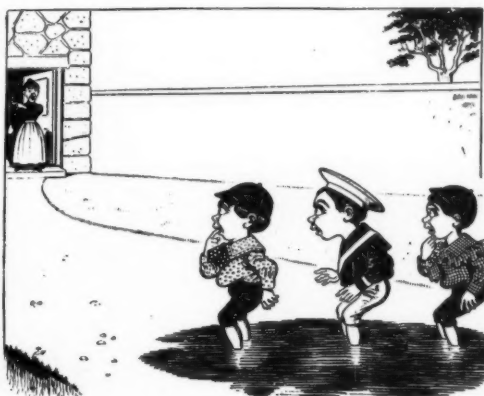
NO WONDER!

The trap she sets beside the hole,
The wily rodent shrewdly flees;
For she's an artless German soul
And baits it with Limburger cheese!

TOO PROMPT OBEDIENCE.



BRIDGET.—Fer th' love av hivin! Luk at thim children! Jimmy! Johnny! Willy! Oi'm goin' roight inter th' house this minnit an' tell yez mither on ye.



BRIDGET (returning in a few minutes).—Yez mither says as ye shall be afther coming roight in to her at wance. She's a-goin' to give yez all a terrible thrashin'. Come roight in now! She's in th' parlor.



THE THREE BOYS (entering the parlor, weeping).—O Mother! here we are! We came in just as soon as you sent for us. We did n't know we were doing wrong!



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HE WAS READY.

ISAACSTEIN.—Vell, you vos n't oud ven Fortune knocked at your door.

COHENSTEIN.—Mein frendt, she did n't haf to knock at all. I vos holdin' der door open vaitin' for her.

WOMEN'S WAYS.

"I 'VE BEEN to our Shakspeare Club this afternoon," said Mrs. Columbus Flatte on Monday evening at dinner.

"Have you, indeed?" said her husband. "And was Shakspeare there? Of course I mean in spirit, my love."

"I don't know whether he was or not; but there were some spirits there that smelled mighty good, served in coffee cups with lemon and sugar, and I was wishing I dare take some; but I did n't, for it always makes my nose red. It's the first one I've attended in a long while; the last one before this was one when the President asked questions, and she asked me who wrote 'Cymbeline.' As if I'd be expected to know that! When I've



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HAD NOTICED IT.

MISS COLE-DWATER.—Drink is bound to ruin a man's capacity sooner or later.

MR. LUSHLEY.—True! Some of my friends can't stand half as much now as they did once.

got a husband that I have to mend for, and keep his smoking-kit clean, to say nothing of his eating two hearty meals a day; and sometimes even willing to carry a lunch, if they're put up in wax papers and a small tin tobacco box that has been fumigated; and no girl half the time; and the other half she's no use; telling me she does n't care to live in flats, anyway! I don't see why the old thing could n't have said 'Hamlet,' anyhow; or 'Chimmie Fadden;'—we don't have to confine ourselves to Shakspeare.

"The very first thing to-day Mabel Younglove went at me for not being there last week to hear her husband read his paper; as if I cared for that!—when I can hear my own husband read his paper any evening, only it bores me to death!"

"Excuse me, my dear," said Columbus, making a letter X with his forefingers; "but are n't you a little—?"

"I don't know but what I am, Columbus," answered Alicia with a returning smile; "but Amy Goforth and I had practiced up our music, and they would n't listen to anything she played but 'Sweet Rosy O'Grady;' and nobody asked me to sing. But my Easter hat was the prettiest one there; and I could give them all points on bicycling—thank Goodness!"

Madeline Orvis.



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AN UNPARDONABLE ABUSE OF FRIENDSHIP.

BROWN.—I hear Jones and Smith are no longer friends.

SPROCKETTS.—Yes; Smith called on Mrs. Jones while Jones was out of town.

BROWN.—But there was nothing wrong about that.

SPROCKETTS.—There was n't, eh? He wanted to borrow Jones's bicycle to learn on, and she let him have it.

WHEREIN THEY DISAGREE.

"The difference between the Wagnerites and the anti-Wagnerites is quite simple."

"What is it?"

"Well, when the Wagnerite can't understand Wagner, he thinks it is his own fault, while the anti-Wagnerite, under similar circumstances, thinks it is Wagner's fault."

NOT UP-TO-DATE.

The mills of the gods grind slowly,
And they're otherwise passé:
They never yet have sent returns
By wire, to a matinée.

AN UNSOLVED PROBLEM.

HE.—It is singular that those cook books give no information concerning the most important matter connected with cooking.

SHE.—What is that?

HE.—How to keep a cook.

MANY A MAN seems to be foolish enough to think that, because he gives his note for an article, he gets it for a song.

THE FIRST OF MAY.

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It is the day which poets set for Maytime mirth and jollity,
But you're a city-dweller, with no leisure for frivolity.
You've got to pack your household gods and get them hauled away
Out of this flat and into that, upon the First of May.

Although you know 't would cost you less to auction it or burn it, you're
Obliged to hire some wagons for the transport of your furniture,
Aware that, with the money which the carter makes you pay,
You could command a four-in-hand upon the First of May.

A ruthless race these carters are — there is no getting squared with them —
The pirates of the Spanish Main were merciful compared with them.
To find no fault with what they do, and less with what they say,
Full well behooves the man who moves upon the First of May.

Their "helpers," too — such "help" as theirs I'd revel in abolishing! —
Smash anything the others may have overlooked demolishing.
What is n't broken on the stairs, or battered on the dray,
Is racked askew, *in transitu*, upon the First of May.

The hall stand's lost its marble shelf, its mirror, and a peg or two,
And almost all the tables and the chairs are short a leg or two.
The scars and scratches which deface your "baby grand," betray
How it was mauled by those who hauled it on this First of May.

Your best cigars have disappeared — in vain you search for some of them.
Your pipes have vanished, and you can't imagine what's become of them —
The meerschchaum and the nargileh, the briar-wood and clay; —
It's doubtful if you smoke a whiff upon the First of May.

Your wife looks for her bric-à-brac, and only finds a bit or so;
She verges on hysterics — yes, perhaps she has a fit or so.
Your bank account will take a drop the next fair shopping day,
To fill the gaps which sad mishaps have caused this First of May.

It's, "Julia, can you tell me where my ivory hand-made chessmen are?"
And, "Henry, where on earth do you suppose that those expressmen are?"
I'm sure they never mean to come, or else they've gone astray,
And can not guess the changed address we have this First of May!"

Your new flat's but another flat — you feel in going there you were
Most ill-advised, and wish you had n't stirred a step from where you were;
But you are in — your goods are in — and in you've got to stay
Till you go through again what you went through this First of May!

Manley H. Pike.



TOO TRUE.

SHE. — You are the first American
I ever heard say that he liked
London better than Paris.
Why do you?

HE. — They understood my
French better in London than
in Paris.

HIS GUESS.

PAPA. — "*Sine qua non*"
means something you can
not do without.

LITTLE FRANK. — Oh! a
wheel?

HENPECKED.

WHEELER. — I hear
Sprockets married a Tartar!

BEARINGS (*sententiously*).
— Yes; — poor old fellow!
she steers their tandem!

THE INSTINCT SOCIAL.

VISITOR (*on the East Side*).
— Is it possible that these people
thus herded together in the
struggle for existence, preserve
any social and refined instincts
whatever?

CICERONE. — Oh, yes! See those
two men? One of them is trying to
borrow ten cents now.

A MAN MAY attain ease and plenty,
but he is apt to find that they
do not come in that order.



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THE WAYSIDE PHILOSOPHER.

SOILED SPOONER (*with deep conviction*). — De average man is a durn fool!
SELDUM FEDD (*tentatively*). — I s'pose so.

SOILED SPOONER. — Yeh! He climbs a tree to shake de fruit down,
when if he'd wait long enough it would fall down of its own accord; he
goes to war to kill other people, when if he'd jest wait dey would die of old
age; an' he runs after women, when if he did n't dey would run after him.
He's a durn fool, an' dat's all you can make of him!

THAT WAS EVIDENT.

"What are those two toads quarreling about?"
asked Mr. Frog of his wife.

"I don't know," replied Mrs. Frog; "but
they are hopping mad."

AN INQUIRY.

HIS WIFE. — Well, they've
returned our lawn-mower at
last.

THE SUBURBANITE. — Is it
completely worn out or does
it merely need repairs?

A CONFESSION.

WOULD-BE POET. —
What's the best time to
write poetry?

HAS-BEEN POET. — Just
after you secure a situation
from which you get enough
salary to live comfortably.

SIMILAR SYMPTOMS.

ATTORNEY. — Are you a
married man?

HUMBLE WITNESS. — No;
I was hurt in a sawmill last
week — that's what makes me
look so bad.

THE KICKER is never popular and
seldom happy; but he is a
jackscrew that has given the world
many an uplift.

IT is better to be disappointed in
love than in marriage.



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BY PROXY.

CHOLLY.—Ah! Miss Wheeler, do you know I have the bicycle fever in its most violent form?

MISS WHEELER.—Is that so?

CHOLLY.—Yes, indeed I have! I believe I shall buy a wheel and make my man learn to ride.

TOO APPRECIATIVE.

MISS GOTHAM.—And I suppose they have bargain days in Glasgow, Mr. McIvor?

MCIVOR.—Ma conscience, no! It wad na do ava.

MISS GOTHAM.—Indeed! Why, I thought bargain days would just suit your people.

A TOO-SUDDEN LOOKOUT.

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MOTHER.—Charles, when that man who paints roofs comes along, call me.

MCIVOR.—That 's just it! It would suit them ower weel. Gin they had baigain days naebody wad buy onything on the ither days, ye ken.

"I WONDER," mused the leading drawing-room tenor, bitterly, as he closed amid a perfect Babel of conversation, "why it should ever have been thought necessary to tell people not to *whisper* in polite society?"

EVERY MAN may have his price, but there is always a good deal of rate cutting going on.

"WE ARE SLAVES!"
JONES.—What ails this man, Hadenufsky? He seems to be fearfully despondent of late.
BROWN.—Why, you know, he 's a Russian; came to this country to escape the tyranny of the Czar, and took rooms in the Skihigh Flats. You see, he had never heard of the American Janitor.

HAD FIGURED IT.

ISAACSTEIN.—Yes; I gave up dot treatment to reduce der flesh.

COHENSTEIN.—Did n't it do any good?

ISAACSTEIN.—Vell, I got rid of fourteen pounds; but, choost t'ink! — it cost me four dollars undt a quvarter a pound to do it!

HE.—Will you marry me?

SHE.—No; but I 'll be a sister to you.

HE.—Great Heavens! I did n't know you were old enough to remember such a chestnut as that.

THAT THE hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,
Was true when the thought was put in rhyme;
But in these later days
Such, forsooth, are woman's ways,
That the latter duty takes most all her time.



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A CRITICISM.

ARTIST (showing his latest picture).—What do you think of the idea?
FRIEND.—Splendid idea! — not half as bad as it 's painted

SATISFIED.

"I 'd like to see a successful flying-machine invented."
"Oh! the bicycle is a good enough flying-machine for me."



CHARLES.—Hi! Mother, here comes the man who paints roofs!



CHARLES' MOTHER (sticking her head out the window, quickly).—Say!



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

ON THE
BREEDING
OF MISCHIEF.

IT WAS an observant and experienced student of public affairs who answered the question, "Is there any truth in any such-and-such a rumor of war?" by saying: "There is always truth in any rumor of war." To prophesy war is to suggest and start the sort of speculation and discussion that awaken the warlike passion in men's breasts. Tell Smith that people are wondering whether he could whip Jones if they should ever have a fight; and then tell Jones that somebody has made a bet that he could n't whip Smith if he tried; and you have two men well primed to pick up the first trifling cause for a quarrel and to make the most of it. So it is with nations, only to a far more dangerous degree. As between the two individuals, Smith may be an arrant coward who will evade the discussion in order to keep his skin whole; and Jones may be a man of enough manly common-sense to say frankly: "I decline to discuss the question, because I have no reason for fighting with Smith." But no nation is wholly cowardly, and no nation is wholly sensible. There is no people in the world among whom it is possible to start the question of the relative fighting strength of another people without starting up the talkers who, consciously or unconsciously, willingly or unwillingly, breed the mischief that ends in war.

Among all the nations of the world the United States is exceptionally fortunate in its comparative safety from the wars bred by discussion with

HIS POSITION IS ASSURED.



AM AT a loss to conceive what will become of my boy, Bennie," remarked Mr. Bloobumper, disconsolately. "What is the trouble?" asked Trotter. "Does he manifest no aptitude for anything?" "Not in the least; but I would not mind that so much if he would only learn something — but he does n't. If I ask him a question his invariable answer is: 'I don't know.' It is the same way at school. His teacher tells me that his answers at examinations are nothing but long series of 'I don't know.' Don't you think it discouraging?" "Not at all, my dear fellow. The fact is, your son Bennie's future is assured. He will be a man of wealth when he grows up, and you will be proud of him." "What do you mean?" "Why, don't you see that he is a natural-born officer of some great trust? I should not be surprised if he succeeds Mr. Havemeyer or Mr. Searles."

ANOTHER WAY OF PUTTING IT.

"Then the tariff is to take effect from April first, no matter when the bill is passed?"

"That 's it. Prosperity is now under a legal obligation to take effect from April first."

ONE METHOD.

"What do they mean by mobilizing troops?"

"Making arrangements so that they can be moved quickly."

"I see! I suppose Weyler can mobilize his troops by having them turn their backs to the insurgents."

ADVANTAGES OF BIRTH.

"You can't have your cake and your penny, too,"

Said some dealer in wise advice;

And of common mortals the saying 's true;

But it does n't apply to the noble who

Keeps his title and gets its price.

TEACHER. — Can you tell me who it was said, "Go up, thou bald head!"

BRIGHT BOY. — The usher at a theatre.

rivals. The militant power of our nation as a whole is in many respects an unknown quantity. We may know our own deficiencies; we can never know our own strength; and we have neither statistics nor record on which to base estimates of our capacity to meet the emergencies of war with a foreign power. Beyond the undisputed fact that we are in better fighting trim to-day than we have been in for many years, we can hardly say how we stand as to our means of carrying on a war with any foreign power of the first class. On the other hand, the foreign powers of the first class and of all classes are equally in the dark; and what they do know about the American nation is not calculated to induce them to monkey with the buzz-saw.

We hesitate, of course, to speak of America's advantages in being the greatest and the only immediate source of supply for the European markets in the event of a war that seriously involves Europe's commercial and financial interests. It seems brutal and selfish to speculate upon the benefits to be derived from the necessities and sufferings of our fellow-men of alien nationalities. Still the fact is there; a fact not to be overlooked or disregarded; a fact that must enter into the calculations of every workingman, every manufacturer, every farmer, every stock-raiser, and every business man in America, the moment that such a war breaks out in Europe. Unquestionably, her necessity is our opportunity; and if this statement of the case sounds hard or cruel, let us remember that it may also be put that the measure of our power to supply her is the measure of Europe's relief. If she suffers from a great and devastating war, we must feed, clothe and arm her, and without us her affliction would be incalculably heavier.

It is for this, more than for any other reason, that in the event of a conflict between great European powers we should remember that our principle and our policy as Americans alike oblige us to steer clear of any entangling alliances; and to see that neither sympathy nor prejudice, however natural or creditable, influences us to link the interests of the United States with those of any foreign nation. It is not only that their ways are not our ways, that our path is not theirs; that what we seek and hope and live for are the ideals that have led us to separate our lives from theirs. Here may be found reason enough, no doubt, for avoiding embroilment with any foreign power; but our best reason for preserving a strict and impartial neutrality is higher and more important than all these: it is in our power to stand as the land of plenty, furnishing sustenance to all human beings without fear or favor even when two peoples curse the world with the inhumanities of war.

AN APPROPRIATE QUOTATION.

WHEELMAN. — "*Festina lente*" is a law term, is n't it?

FRIEND. — Not at all. It means "make haste slowly." Where did you get the impression that it was a law term?

WHEELMAN. — Well, it's what the judge said to me when he fined me ten dollars for scorching.

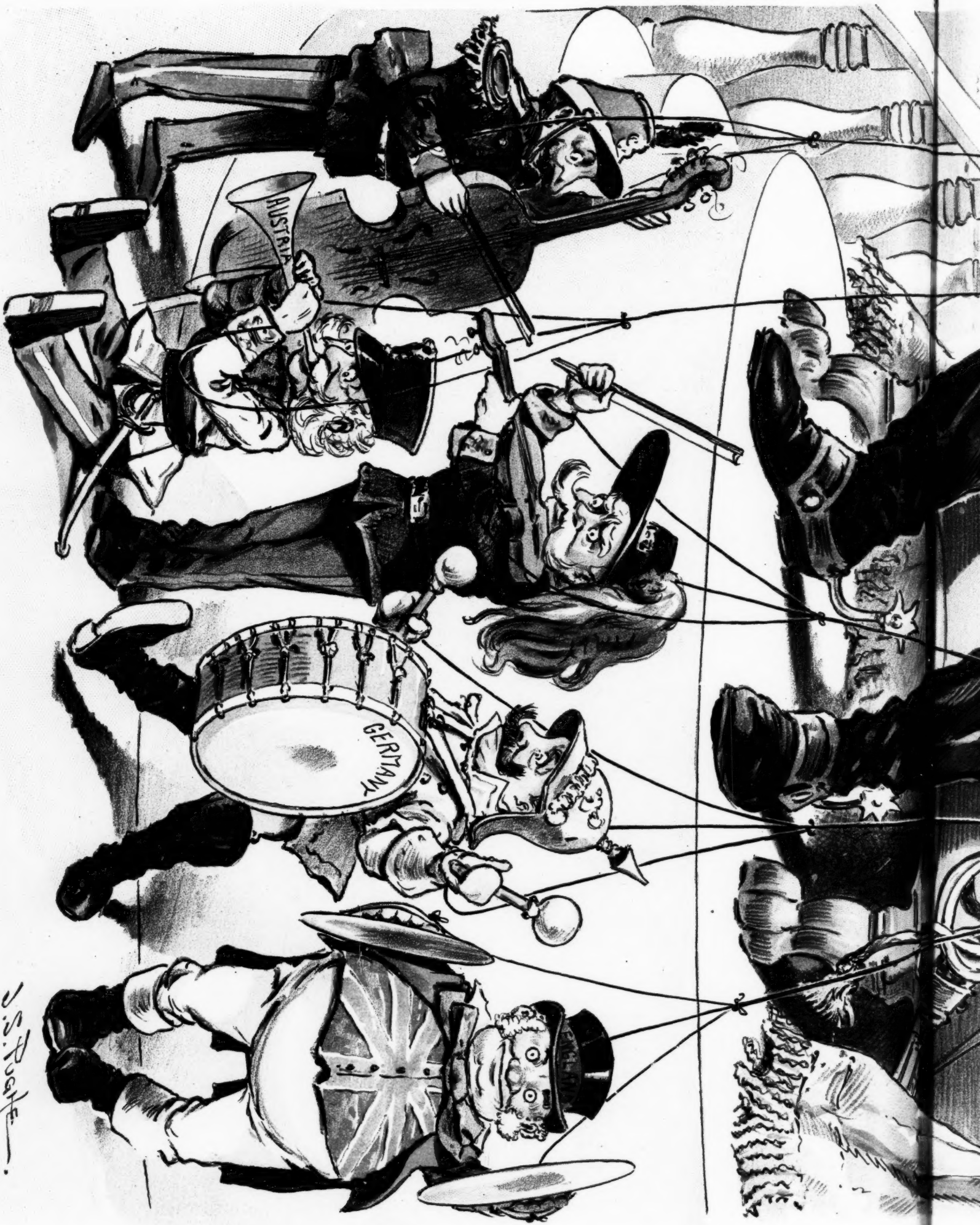


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ON THEIR HONEYMOON.

HE. — Nature seems to delight in contrasts.

SHE. — Is n't it wonderful? I never noticed that before.



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THE EUROPEAN "CONCERT."

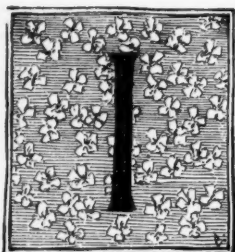
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DETERMINATION.



I AM VERY determined, and in my younger days was even more so. I always had my own way—and sometimes my supper. A large portion of my time was spent in bed.

On one ever-memorable occasion, while my years were yet tender, it was seen fit to leave me in the sole charge of my uncle, while my mother and aunt went off to a ball.

My mind was soon made up as to my line of action, and I viewed the prospect with a firmness of purpose, combined with a sense of neglect, that was not without its satisfaction.

My unsuspecting uncle—a more patient and tender-hearted man never breathed—laid aside his briefs and played with me in a way that was fascinating beyond anything that words of mine can describe.

I got all I could out of it, for I felt that there was a severe struggle before me, and that I must husband my resources.

The evening (my part of it) slipped quickly by, and the time arrived for bed. I did not want to go; but I raised no objections. I had formed my plan of action and had no intention of departing from it; so to bed I went. He tucked me up, told me a last funny story, and then departed to his briefs. I was alone. The supreme moment had arrived. I lifted up my voice and called "Ma!" The result was satisfactory. I did it again—and again—and again. In fact I did not stop. In a few moments my uncle came running upstairs in a state of considerable alarm, and, I strongly suspect, no small indignation—but I did not stop to inquire. I just kept on with "Ma! Ma! Ma!" He asked me what was the matter—I answered "Ma!" He inquired if I was ill. "Ma!" I replied. He shook me, and such a collection of "Ma's!" poured forth that he promptly desisted. He told me funny stories, I did not hear him—no one could have—my whole soul was wrapped up in screaming "Ma!" at the top of my voice. He stamped and swore, and pleaded and coaxed—but I just bellowed, "Ma! Ma! Ma!" He brought cakes and candy, and toys and picture-books—steam engines, rocking horses, jumping jacks, but all in vain; I screwed my little eyelids tight together to avoid any such seductions, and redoubled my vocal efforts. Then, I regret to say it, for otherwise he was a great and good man, he raised his hand to me—having first taken the precaution of inverting me. In the few minutes that followed I had grave doubts as to the stability of my resolution and the general wisdom of my policy. However, early discipline and the natural firmness of my nature prevailed, and I roared "Ma!" straight through the whole thing.

In final despair the cook and housemaid were summoned. A hasty consultation was held in which I took no part; I was otherwise engaged. It was decided that the cook and housemaid should go at once in a cab for my mother—that not a moment was to be lost—that I might have convulsions at any moment. When they were gone, I knew that the victory was mine and tasted to the full the sweets of resolution—as well, at least, as a child could taste anything, who had a lump in his throat the size of his head. My sobs grew less and less. I felt I had done well and had not disgraced my record. So thinking, I felt it not beneath my dignity to drop into a gentle sleep prior to my mother's arrival. How sweet a thing is sleep after victory!

It was not till breakfast next morning that the terrible truth dawned upon me. I had been made the victim of a cruel wrong. The cook and housemaid, instead of going for



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MERCIFULLY SILENT.

KERRIGAN.—Phat 's good fer a cowl?

CASEY.—Hov yez got th' proice uv two hot whiskies about yez?

KERRIGAN.—Oi hov not.

CASEY.—Will, thin, Kerrigan, ut wud be a mercy not t' tell yez.

my mother in a cab, had simply gone to bed, while my uncle returned to his briefs.

MORAL.—Think twice before you cry for a thing—and never stop until you get it.

H. C. Boulton.



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A FORTUNATE TIME.

MR. DODSON.—Quick, Mary, get your things on; we will go over and call on the Hobsons.

MRS. DODSON.—O John! you know well enough how I detest calling on these people.

MR. DODSON.—Yes, I know! That is the reason I want you to go now. I just saw Mr. and Mrs. Hobson leave their house and go down the street.

A NEW DANGER.

FIRST TRAMP.—I hear dere 's a new drug whut kin be put in a cup of coffee an' it 'll take away yer desire fer liquer widout yer knowin' it.

SECOND TRAMP.—Great Hevings! Some of dem women temperance cranks 'll be tryin' dat game on us!

HER NATIONALITY.

BEENAWAY.—Why, hello, Hennypeck! I hear that you are married? Bride one of the village girls?

HENNYPECK (meekly).—No; she is a foreigner. "Eh?" "A tartar."

EVIDENCE.

THE SUBURBANITE.—It is plain that Shakspeare did not approve of living in the suburbs.

HIS WIFE.—How do you know?

THE SUBURBANITE.—Don't you remember that *Polonius* says: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be?"

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THE STARLESS DARK CONTINENT.

WALKER FARR.—I thought your next tour was to have been through South Africa.

COUNT D'TIES.—It was, but the company struck. One of them had read that an ostrich egg often weighs a dozen pounds.

IF, ON the issues of the day, politicians only made fools of themselves there would be no great loss or harm done. The trouble is that they make fools of other people.

A POINTER FOR PARAGRAPHERS.

"Colorado is about to enroll women in her militia."—DAILY PAPER.

What our mother-in-law needs is Colorado air.

Colorado's new State uniforms will have puffed sleeves.

It is rumored that umbrellas will be issued to the Colorado militia.

There is a strike contemplated in the Colorado mines. Mice are sold at enormous prices. This is a serious symptom.

It is feared that the disaffected will embrace many in the ranks of the militia.

The Colorado militia will adopt birds of paradise for their Spring helmets.

Miss Sergeant Walker was court-martialed to-day. She refused to wear the uniform on the ground that it is not becoming. The chairwoman's vote acquitted her.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS WROTE.

There was a young fellow named Cholmondeley,

Who greeted his friends very grolmondeley;

When asked to explain,

He appeared in great pain,

And said nothing, but shook his head dolmondeley.

A STREET-GRAB IN 1920.

MR. WHEELER (*reading the paper*).— Goodness! There's another outrage!

MRS. WHEELER.— What is it?

MR. WHEELER.— Why, the Aldermen have passed a resolution permitting pedestrians to use six more streets, and they won't have to pay the public a cent for the privilege!

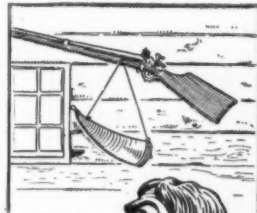
HE SYMPATHIZED WITH THEM.

"I'm not enthusiastic about sending missionaries abroad."

"Well, I think we ought to send some to Scotland to induce those unfortunate people to get rid of their dialect."

ISAACSTEIN.— Dey say dot Sheneral Veyler vas so rich as nopody knows.

JACOBISKY.— Vell, he ought to pe, when he vas had so many failures.



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